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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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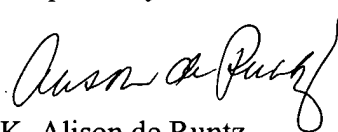
The comments herein are submitted in response to the Reasons for Allowance that accompanied the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due that was mailed on December 14, 2005. Entry and consideration of these comments are respectfully requested.

### COMMENTS

In the Reasons for Allowance, the Office indicated the reasons for the allowability of Claims 49-73 has already been addressed in paragraph 20 of the Office Action of May 12, 2005. As to United States Patent No. 6,338,790 to Feldman et al. (hereinafter, "Feldman"), it is submitted that same does not preclude patentability of Claims 49-73 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c)(1). As such, no comment of the Office concerning Feldman, other than the reference to common ownership, is addressed or conceded herein. As to the comments of the Office as to United States Patent Nos. 4,421,751 and 4,382,872, and the articles of Yu et al. and Gholamkhass et al., it is submitted that the teaching and/or lack thereof as to each of these references is as contained in each of these references. It is submitted that Claims 49-73 are allowable in view of the art of record on the basis that there is no teaching or suggestion in same of the invention of each of Claims 49-73.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (415) 318-1164 as to any matter that may expedite issuance of the patent.

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